

## House Resolution No. 2613

**Whereas**, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Macon County R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 21, 2004, with the retirement of Deanna LaRue Smithson who has devoted thirty-five years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Deanna Smithson has taught for eleven years at Macon County R-I, where she is held in high esteem as a special education and elementary school teacher; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Deanna Smithson taught in the Callao C-8 School District, the La Plata R-II School District, the Elmer C-1 School District, and the Troy R-III School District prior to assuming her responsibilities at Macon County R-I; and

**Whereas**, Deanna Smithson has supported her profession as a thirty-five-year member of the Missouri State Teachers Association; and

**Whereas**, Deanna Smithson has also enjoyed recognition as a volunteer for the Special Olympics, a volunteer tutor with the Family Literacy Center in Macon, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, Deanna Smithson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Jerry Smithson; one daughter, Dediee Smithson; and one grandchild, Tyrin Smithson:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Macon County R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Deanna Smithson has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Deanna LaRue Smithson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Christopher Shoemaker  
District No. 8

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2613, adopted May 4, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker